(d) whether it is also a fact that the dividend of oil companies can be increased due to the mixing of ethanol; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have invited public tenders on industry basis for procurement of Ethanol on delivered basis at their depots/terminals. The procurement price of Ethanol varies from location to location and from State to State depending upon the taxes and levies imposed by the respective States and transportation cost.

(b) The total annual requirement of Ethanol for 5% Ethanol Blended Petrol Programme is about 0.56 million KL.

(c) The total production of Industrial Alcohol in seven major producing States namely Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand during 2005-06 is 1.35 million KL.

(d) Ethanol procurement is done by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) based on economic feasibility. As such there is no scope for additional revenue generation for the OMCs.

(e) Does not arise.

Dividend in processing of crude oil

†4391. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have made an assessment of the amount of dividend in the processing of crude oil in crude oil refineries in the country; and

(b) if so, the average per barrel dividend in dollars as assessed during the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 in public and private oil refineries?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Government assess Gross Refining Margins (GRM) in processing of crude oil in the Public Sector Oil Refineries.

The GRM during the last three years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 in Public Sector Oil Refineries is given in Statement (*See* below).

Reliance Industries Limited, a private sector refinery, has reported a GRM of 11.7$/bbl for the year 2006-07 and 10.3$/bbl for the year 2005-06 for their Jamnagar Refinery.

Statement

Details of GRM in Public Sector Oil Refineries

($/BBL)

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Location	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.				
1.		Guwahati	14.02	10.17	13.56(P)
2.		Barauni	4.40	2.91	1.79(P)
3.		Gujarat	5.55	3.75	6.03(P)
4.		Haldia	4.88	3.06	3.22(P)
5.		Mathura	6.31	5.68	5.09(P)
6.		Panipat	7.35	5.36	2.99(P)
7.		Digboi	19.14	19.84	23.70(P)
	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.				
8.		Mumbai	4.56	1.64	3.65(P)
9.		Kochi	5.90	3.20	3.46(P)
	Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd.				
10.		Manali	5.26	4.40	5.05
11.		Narimanam	6.16	3.93	4.20
12.	**Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd.**	Mangalore	5.68	3.66	4.79(P)

1	2	3	4	5	6
13.	**Numaligarh Refinery Ltd.**	Numaligarh	7.05	3.44	3.79 (Apr-Dec., 2006)
14.	**Bongaigaon Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd.**	Bongaigaon	13.7	10.5	13.8
	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.				
15.		Mumbai	5.60	3.22	4.86 (Apr-Dec., 2006)
16.		Visakh	5.06	2.56	3.35 (Apr-Dec., 2006)

(P) Provisional.

Difference in inter-regional sale price of petrol and diesel

†4392. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that big difference is found in consumer sales prices of petrol and diesel amongst various regions of the country;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that this difference is upto Rs. 8 per litre in case of petrol and Rs. 5 per litre in case of diesel;

(c) if not, the difference in the said prices and the cities where the same are being sold at maximum and minimum prices; and

(d) the reasons for such a wide difference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (d) Though the basic

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